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OUR RENEWED OFFER.

Four weeks ago the price of the BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES was reduced to the very low sum of SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS from the 1st of March to the 1st of January next. During that time a large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity to subscribe for the paper, knowing so well its superior worth as a reliable county newspaper and a correct exponent of genuine Democracy. In fact quite a boom has been worked up, and its main force being just now upon us we cannot well shut it out, and have, therefore, determined to extend the SEVENTY-FIVE CENT offer for a short time longer. We will also continue to send the Louisville Courier-Journal with the TIMES—the former one year and the latter ten months—to those who desire the two, for ONE DOLLAR AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS. The money on either proposition must be in advance.

To all present subscribers who are in arrears one year and over, we will give the advantage of this special offer, by them calling and settling up.

THE HARBOR OF SAFETY.

As the pilot of a vessel turns his craft toward the harbor of safety when the storm clouds gather thick and strong, and the waters of old ocean seethe and surge in admonition of impending danger, so are the leaders of the Democratic party reversing their ill-advised course, and turning toward the great beacon light, which alone can make the way clear and easy to the harbor of safety for themselves and the party, in the approaching Presidential campaign.

When Henry Watterson—the bosom friend of Mr. Tilden and his champion four years ago—announced more than six months since that the chief of 1876 would under no circumstances accept a renomination if tendered him, and the same being caught up by Democratic leaders all over the country as final, an apparent check was made to the almost universal sentiment with the masses that the old ticket should be chosen this year. But a sentiment so deep rooted is very hard to change or eradicate by even the most sagacious methods. Following the wisdom of their American instinct as well as the dictates of their feeling, the rank and file of the Democracy refused to budge from their well chosen ground, and though they said and did little, they were there to stay "all the same" with Tilden and Hendricks.

Like Gen. Grant's famous campaign on the Potomac, it won, and the victory which now seems a foregone conclusion was made possible by about the same power as that which terminated the Rebellion and brought the Southern Confederacy to grief.

Seeing their efforts avail nothing, their various booms for new candidates fall flat or dry up and blow away, so to speak. Mr. Watterson, Mr. Dana and the rest of them who wanted to change the tide of public sentiment from the old ticket, have run their race, reached the end of their rope which at best was decidedly short, and are now returning to the ranks and will keep pace with the tread of the legions that mean to neither halt or take rest, except long enough to catch breath and drink water, till the old ticket is installed in the White house.

To this end the country press of Missouri is doing noble service. And especially here in the southwest as can be seen from our frequent political clippings, the sentiment for truth and justice, the desire to rebuke a great wrong and the

absolute consciousness of the wisdom of the course, is uncompromising. Stand firm boys, we are nearing the harbor of safety. Tilden is the only man who can be elected President by the Democrats.

A WORD TO THE PROFESSION.

The Executive Committee of the Missouri Press Association, was called to meet at Sedalia on the 13th. The Democrat of that city reports only two members of the Committee present, but that a number of representative newspaper men being on hand, the business for which the Committee was called together was taken up and transacted. The day fixed at a former meeting for holding the convention this year, was changed from April 15th to May 22d, and the proposed excursion to Florida, over the new Memphis road, abandoned. It is understood that an excursion toward the west will be arranged.

The only reason given out for the change of time for holding the convention, was at the instance of the citizens of Springfield, who, for selfish motives, desired it postponed. The abandonment of the trip South was a matter of course after deciding to hold the convention so late in the season.

Until there are better reasons furnished for this proceeding of the Committee—a minority at that—than those above mentioned, the TIMES will believe that the course was ill-advised. The inference is that the people of Springfield recognize the importance of "free puffs," and that their city would show up better in May than in April. But in the mind of the independent journalist, the good people of Springfield should have no voice in choosing the time for the annual meeting of the Press Association, which ostensibly is called for business. Newspaper men are too prone to regulate their business, as outsiders say, upon the dead-beat principle, and the recognition of country journalism is measured by this standard of the profession. Free puffery and free everything else, almost, has about pauperized the country press, and it is time to call a halt, reverse action, and establish the profession on a business basis. In no other way can we merit or get the respect of the business public.

KANSAS CATTLE PLAGUE.

The cattle plague which has made its appearance in Southern Kansas, is very serious in its extent, and unless checked pretty soon will be disastrous to the stock interests not only in that section and State but to a large scope of country on all sides embracing the Territory, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri.

The disease is known as the foot and mouth disease, and when once affected with it whole herds are destroyed in a very little while.

Public meetings have been held in various parts of the infected district, and resolutions adopted bearing upon the subject in different ways. So alarming has the situation become, and so urgent the demand for legislative action that Governor Glick issued a call for an extra session of the Legislature which convened at Topeka, yesterday.

The work expected of the Legislature is the adoption of measures preventing the spread of the disease by quarantine, and eventually wiping it out by ordering all stock immediately killed and the carcasses burned, whenever it is ascertained they are affected with the plague. To this end the Legislature will probably provide for an indemnity to owners whose stock are killed to prevent the spread of the disease.

"He must be a wretch indeed who would refuse the ballot to the mother who bore him." This rather forceable language was the extent of an editorial in our North Main street contemporary, last week. The sentiment is touching, and we hope to be pardoned for asking friend Aus if he really meant it. Could there be such a thing as the compositor getting the wrong side of the "copy."

The Rich Hill Review in speaking of its editor and proprietor being off

on a tour through the east and Canada, refers to him as "Col." without any effort at either jest or burlesque. The principle—"blow your own bazoo"—is in the main correct, but this way of dubbing one's self with an unearned title about stifles our appreciation of the maxim.

Vernon county goes far ahead of her neighbors in her expenditures for last year. The total amount paid out, as shown by the financial statement published in the Mail and Democrat, last week, is \$43,065.31. This will exceed Bates county's expenditure about \$15,000, notwithstanding our taxable wealth will exceed that of Vernon over two million dollars.

Messrs Lane & Williams have sold the Hume News to T. B. Harper. The paper will be independent in politics. We imagine we discover an improvement in the News already.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Holden Enterprise: Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Ben. E. Lemon, which occurred at Odessa Monday. No particulars.

Nevada Democrat: Ed. S. Vance, better known as "Col. Mulberry Sellers," has accepted a position as traveling correspondent of the Kansas City Times.

Springfield Express: The movement for a creamery at this place promises a success. There have been \$1,400 subscribed towards the enterprise already.

Windsor Review: The Henry County Democrat talks of a new court house. We agree that we want one, but not at a cost of \$100,000. That's too rich for our blood.

Springfield Leader: The contract for building the stone wall around the Confederate Cemetery has been awarded to Philip Schleifer, of Polk county. Work will commence as soon as possible.

Richmond Conservator: Gen. A. W. Doniphan has almost entirely recovered his health and is out on the streets looking as if he could breast the blizzards of many more winters, which we hope he may do.

Bolivar Herald: Wm. Marshall, of Hickory county, aged about 65 years, was brought to Bolivar last Friday by Sheriff McCracken and lodged in jail for safe keeping. The charge against him is incest, a sixteen-year-old grand daughter being his victim.

Holden Enterprise: Holden has over nineteen hundred dollars in the treasury and a bonded debt of one thousand dollars. This speaks volumes. The present city authorities need no encomium at our hands for a most successful administration last year.

Warrensburg, J.-D.: A series of meetings are now in progress at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Rev. Wm. Walker, of Butler, in charge. Services every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30. The meetings are largely attended and much interest is manifested.

Clinton Democrat: At the recent session of county court an order was made levying three days poll tax for road purposes on every able bodied male inhabitant in the county, between the ages of 21 and 50 years. The court recognized the fact that additional labor was required on the roads, hence the wide scope of the order.

Springfield Express: The Daily Extra, the oldest daily in this city, is no more. Messrs. A. A. Renshaw and Chas. R. Ingram, who established the paper in 1879, sold the same last Saturday evening to Col. John Plank Tracey and Dr. C. S. McClain, who took charge of the office last Monday, changing the name of the paper to the Evening Journal.

Nevada Democrat: Cooper, of the Springfield News, is giving the city council a blowing up for paying a down east editor \$200 for puffing the town. The News, is right. No sensible council would do anything of the kind. \$200 paid to the home papers would be worth something, but to a down east editor it would be worth nothing.

Walker Herald: A young man

by the name of Wm. Humble, living about 2 1/2 miles from Walker met with a serious and nearly fatal accident Tuesday afternoon. In company with a young friend he was hunting ducks. The very first flock they came across Humble aimed his gun at fired. The result was the gun burst near the breech, tearing off both locks and lacerating his left hand in a fearful manner.

Nevada Mail: There is a broad diversity in the assessment of Missouri lands as returned to the State Board of Equalization. St. Louis county leads at \$53 per acre and Shannon county brings up the rear with \$1.19. Jackson is returned at \$25.60 and Lafayette follows with \$13.56. Buchanan is assessed at \$17.99; St. Charles, \$12.44; Bates, \$8.60; Vernon, \$6.09; and Monroe, \$5.02. Barton, values herself at \$7.08 and Cedar, \$4.09.

Holden Enterprise: A newspaper should never say anything which the editor would blush to utter before a select company of ladies and gentlemen. Horace Greeley said it was an easy matter for any one to conduct a newspaper which should be prohibited house-room, but one of the most difficult things, to print a paper which would prove chaste and beneficial to its readers. We see this truth illustrated every day in the week.



Hon. Thos. P. Ochiltree.

Member of Congress from Texas and Proposer of the Famous Lasker Resolution.

There is probably no other Representative in the Forty-eighth Congress whose name is more frequently mentioned throughout the United States, and even in foreign countries than is that of the above Congressman from Texas. This sudden notoriety has been gained by Mr. Ochiltree's introduction a few weeks ago in the House of Representatives, of the now famous Lasker resolutions, which Prince Bismarck has thrust back upon our Congress with the intimation that our country should attend to its own affairs. This insult stirs the American heart to resent it, and brings Mr. Ochiltree into a national prominence in connection with the affair which will perpetuate his name in our civil history.

Mr. Ochiltree is a resident of Galveston, Texas, and the first native Texan ever elected to our Congress. He represents twenty-seven counties, which compose the seventh district, and comprise over 37,000 square miles or territory, reaching from Galveston, on the Gulf, to Eagle Pass, on the Upper Rio Grande. He was elected to Congress as an Independent by a majority exceeding 3,000 votes over Findlay the Democratic candidate.

After receiving a limited education at the public schools of his State, at the age of seventeen he became a private in the Texas Rangers, and was engaged in the campaign against the Apache and Comanche Indians in 1854-55. When the war broke out Mr. Ochiltree went in with the Confederacy, and his war record on the staffs of General Green, Taylor and Sibley is replete with incidents of bravery that would have been more profitable in a better cause, but when the victorious armies of the North had suppressed the rebellion, Colonel Gehltree accepted the new order of things in good faith, and in time was appointed United States Marshal of Texas by President Grant, and there-after was appointed United States Commissioner of Emigration to Europe, in which capacity he several times visited foreign countries, and when in Berlin had numerous audiences with Bismarck on emigration affairs.

In personal appearance Mr. Ochiltree is one of the original freaks of human nature. Heavy set, with canary colored unkempt hair, and a heavy light colored mustache, eyes twinkling with good nature, a rubby complexion, protruding lips and rather antiquated dress, he is a striking oddity in the present Congress, but very popular and always the centre of a group of attentive listeners.

STOCK AND FARM.

Notes Treating the Subject Taken From Neighboring Exchanges

INTERESTING TO FARMERS.

Ex: It is claimed that the severe weather of the past week has greatly injured the wheat in some localities in this state, particularly in Johnson county, a region famous for its heavy crop of that cereal.

Holden Enterprise: A few days ago James McClure had fifty head of young cattle shipped to him from Kansas City, and when they landed only seven were on their feet, eleven dead and three crippled.

Ex: The cattle men of Northern and Eastern Texas meet in convention at Dallas on Tuesday next. Great preparations for the event are being made by the citizens, and a great banquet is on the programme.

The disease is said to resemble small-pox, and there is no disease more contagious among horn cattle. Some of the afflicted cattle have their hoofs off, and the legs of some have rotted off as far up as the second joint.

Holden Enterprise: The season to plant your apple trees is near at hand. Our farmers should pay more attention to keeping up their orchards and in selecting new varieties of fruit. The apple crop of this county is growing in value every year.

Nevada Mail: About 400 head cattle are more or less affected with the cattle plague in Coffee and Woodson counties, Kansas, and great alarm is being felt by the stock men of that section of country, caused by the fast spread of this terrible disease.

Holden Enterprise: Jersey stock is not only becoming common in this county, but quite popular with stock men. Every farmer should endeavor to improve his stock as far as he is able. The creamery will have a tendency to the improvement of stock. Its effects are already noticeable. A number of costly importations have already been made of choice Jersey stock.

Walker Herald: About six weeks ago Squire Cavin killed a dog on his farm which he supposed was mad. He thought at the time that it had bitten some of his young cattle, so he determined to watch and see if his conjecture was true. Last Sunday one of his yearling steers had all the symptoms of hydrophobia, chasing everything that came near it. The Squire killed it, thus preventing a further spread of this dreadful disease.

Sedalia Republican: The annual meeting of the Missouri Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held in Sedalia April third and fourth. The programme of exercises and the list of papers to be read is fine. Addresses will be delivered or articles read by such well known men as C. E. Leonard, W. H. H. Cundiff, A. A. Walker, J. S. Latimer of Abingdon, Ill., Col. Vine, Marmaduke, Prof. J. W. Sanborn of Columbia, Will R. King of Marshal, Phil. Chew, editor of the St. Louis Journal of Agriculture, Col. Coleman of the Rural World and others. The meeting will be one of interest and of much practical value to Pettis county.

NOTES FROM A COW BOY.

Clinton Advocate: J. C. Kerr, a young cow boy, came in Thursday night on a visit to his folks. He has been down in Texas, along the Colorado river, for some time past acting as indicated above.

He has a kind of an expanded way of speaking of things, particularly of pastures. He speaks of a twelve hundred acre lot as a small pasture for horses. A ten by twenty mile lot is no great snakes. The fence cutters, he states, have stopped—like Alexander the Great because they had no more work to do—no more wires to cut. He claims that there was no disposition to disturb any one who confined themselves to land owned by the parties fencing, but there was a disposition, and a practice quite common to many to stretch their wires beyond the boundaries legitimately their own, and in this way very greatly circum-

scribed the public grazing. Parties who confined themselves to their own territory were not disturbed, among whom he numbered Salmon & Co.

He thinks the days of general grazing is past, and that henceforth more attention will be paid to farming. Land he says is advancing in price because of this tendency through immigration to cultivate the land.

In many parts, he represents, stock raising overdone; that is, there is too much stock for the amount of grass and as a consequence the mortality of cattle has been considerable—many absolutely dying from starvation, while all, in such sections, are very thin.

ENDORSED.

What Our People Say About our Commercial College.

BUTLER, MO., March 12, 1884.

We, the undersigned, as citizens and merchants of the city of Butler, for the protection of the interests and advancement of the Commercial College in this city, under the management of Geo. W. Weaver, and for the protection of young men who are seeking a practical commercial education, have no hesitancy in endorsing their course of training, and if in need of a bookkeeper would not hesitate to employ any young man who would receive the indorsement of the faculty of this institution to construct and conduct the books of our business, on principles of double entry, together with indorsements of responsible men of their integrity of character.

The course of training is such as every young lady or gentleman should strive to acquire, and we feel that a long felt want has been supplied, and in consideration of which we have prepared this recommendation to be presented to our young friends, in full faith that nothing will be left undone to promote their highest interests. [Signed.]

Wm. E. Walton, Cash. Butler National Bank; C. C. Duke, asst. cash. Butler Nat. Bk.; Don Kinney, Clerk Butler Nat. Bank; F. J. Tygard, Cash. Bates Co. Nat. Bank; J. C. Clark, Asst. Cash. Bates Co. Nat. Bank; C. L. Mills, with Bates Co. Nat. Bank; C. A. Emmerson, with Bates Co. Nat. Bank; Chas. T. McFarland, Editor TIMES; E. R. Beach, Editor Republican; N. A. Wade, Editor Democrat; O. D. Austin, Editor Record; R. J. Starke County Clerk; J. R. Simpson; Recorder of Deeds; R. S. Catron, Co. Treasure; J. R. Jenkins, Circuit Clerk; S. F. Hawkins, Probate Judge; J. F. Starr, Supt. Butler Public Schools; J. M. Naylor, Principal Butler Academy; L. B. Allison, Asst. Principal Butler Academy.

Sedalia Democrat: Hon. John O'Day, chairman, says that the Democratic central committee will not be called to meet before April 15th.

Richmond Conservator: If the machine politicians crowd Samuel J. Tilden to the wall again for a man in Buckram then indeed may we furl our battle flags for four more long weary years.

Grand Plow Trial.

Butler, Mo., March 15th, 1884.

We, the undersigned, having been chosen a committee by the farmers present, to test the draft and work of the Hapgood Sulkey Plow, as compared with a Moline Walking Plow, report as follows.

The Hapgood Sulkey is very easy to throw out of the ground in turning, lays out and finishes a land perfectly, can be adjusted to any depth, or leveled while the team is in motion; does first-class work, and is lighter on the team than the Walking Plow the following being the result of a careful test with a Fairbanks' Dynamometer:

HAPGOOD SULKEY PLOW.
Width of cut 16 inches, Depth of furrow 6 to 9 inches, Average Draft 432.5 lbs.

MOLINE [walking plow].
Width of cut 14 inches, Depth of furrow 7.1, Average draft 530 lbs.

Both plows were in good order.
John H. Williams, B. Powell, Jas. B. Henry, S. R. Tyler, J. George Patton. We refer to the following gentlemen as to the fairness of the above test: F. Tyler, H. A. Williams, F. Cobb, Jasper Ison, T. J. Ferryhill, J. R. Cobb, Chas. Latollett, Thomas Black, W. A. Badgley, A. G. Williams, Allen Wright, A. Brixner, A. T. Badgley, J. Winsett.